

**South County Health District  
Regular Meeting December 31, 2024  
340 Hwy 203, Union, OR**

**Call to order** 4:10PM by President Susie Wirkkala

**Roll Call:** Present –Debbie Clark, Susie Wirkkala, Chris Power, Beth Callison and District Manager Adina Ferguson.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chris Power made a motion to accept the November 26, 2024 minutes with corrections. Beth seconded the motion. Vote to approve with changes was unanimous.

**Financials:** Financials were reviewed. Beth and Chris will be meeting with the District Manager to get some training and insight into the district finances.

**Catherine Creek Community Center Lunch:** Board discussed the holiday lunch that SCHD sponsored for the community. Chris suggested that we sponsor December lunch annually. The other board members agreed.

**Staff Potluck:** The Christmas potluck was held at the new clinic building. Food was provided by the board members. The staff noted that the food was excellent and that they enjoyed visiting with the board. It was agreed that the board would work to do more lunches for the staff to show their appreciation and touch base with all of them.

**Status of Business Oregon Loan:** Brian McDowell presented the request to the board in Salem. They were very interested and ready to move forward with the full application, but the finance director wanted to ask some questions of our District Manager first. Brian will try to streamline this process.

**Search for new Hygienist:** Adina announced that we have a new hygienist who will be starting in February. She moved to Tri-Cities WA from Juneau recently after some personal issues. She did some research and decided that Union Family Dental was a good match for her. She is in the process of relocating to La Grande.

**Fundraisers:** The Board discussed some options for doing fundraisers and decided on a large yard sale during Grassroots Festival.

**Change winter meetings to help with bad roads:** The board agreed that it is problematic to have meetings after dark in the cold weather. Meeting time will be changed to the last Saturday of the month at 11:00AM. Beth made the motion to change the meeting time and Chris seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Adjournment was 5:02PM

**Next meeting is Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM**